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Dear Mr. Martin,

Allegheny General Hospital would like to thank the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council for the invitation to review and comment on the results of the Federal Fiscal Year 2009, Hospital Performance Report. We recognize and support the value of transparency in the public reporting of such outcomes.

Through our continuous efforts to improve performance, we utilize this information in conjunction with additional sources of outcomes data to monitor and improve the quality of our patient care. Allegheny General Hospital is committed to providing a patient care experience that is both safe and of the highest level of quality. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the council on future initiatives.

Sincerely,

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